

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for supplying digital files to a customer via a data communications network accessible by the customer, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a recordable medium to a customer, ~~(b)~~ and registering details of the customer and the recordable medium in a data bank,

~~(e)~~ (b) receiving a customer request to supply one or more digital files from a remote client terminal associated with the customer via the data ~~communication~~ communications network,

~~(d)~~ (c) authenticating the recordable medium and the ~~identity of the customer details from~~ the remote client terminal via the data communications network against the details registered in step (a), and

~~(e)~~ (d) if authentication is successful, supplying the requested one or more digital files from the data bank to the remote client terminal via the data communications network, wherein the remote client terminal is configured to receive and record the one or more digital files on the recordable medium.

2. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein the recordable medium is a recordable DVD.

3. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 2, wherein the recordable DVD is connected to the client terminal by a recordable DVD drive.

4. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the digital files are music files or other video, audio or data content.

5. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the recordable medium supplied to the customer includes one or more pre-recorded digital files.

6. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the recordable medium includes a recordable medium identifier.

7. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 6, further comprising:
registering the recordable medium identifier and the customer details in the data bank in step
(b), and
detecting the recordable medium identifier from the recordable medium in step (dc).
8. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the customer details
include a customer name and password.
9. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein step (dc) includes:
receiving customer entered validation data, and
comparing the validation data to the customer name and password stored in the data bank.
10. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1,
wherein the data bank is maintained by a predetermined content supplier.
11. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 10, further comprising:
receiving the customer request in step (eb) at an intermediary server;
identifying the predetermined content supplier, and
directing the customer request to the data bank of that predetermined content supplier.
12. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the recordable medium
includes a content supplier identifier.
13. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 10, comprising:
identifying the predetermined content supplier by detecting the content supplier identifier at
the intermediary server.
14. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, further comprising:
issuing the manufacturer and retailer with unique identifying codes.
15. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, further comprising:
processing customer payment for the one or more digital files.

16. (Original) A method according to claim 15, wherein the customer payment is processed when the recordable medium is provided to the customer.

17. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 15, wherein the customer payment relates to the pre-recorded digital files only.

18. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 15, wherein the customer payment relates to the pre-recorded digital files and one or more digital files supplied in step (ed).

19. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 15, wherein the customer payment processed when a customer request is received in step (eb).

20. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, further comprising:
providing the customer with notification of one or more digital files able to be supplied from the data bank.

21-22. (Canceled).

23. (Currently Amended) Computer software stored on a readable medium for use with a content server forming part of the system for supplying digital files to a customer via a data communications network to a remote client terminal associated with the customer, the content server including a processing unit and associated memory device for storing the computer software, wherein the computer software acts to cause the content server to carry out a method according to claim 1.